

After-Action Report

Residence Hall Fire Drills

December 10, 2021

Summary

October 22-28, 2021, A-State's Department of Safety & Emergency Management, in conjunction with Residence Life, conducted fire drills in the following Residence Halls:

Oct 22: Arkansas Hall.

Oct 26: Kays Hall, University Hall, Pack Place (Buildings 1 & 2), The Circle (Richmond Hall, Smith Hall, Strickland Hall, & Gaines Hall).

Oct 27: Sorority Houses (Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, & Delta Zeta) & NorthPark Quads (Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5).

Oct 28: Honors LLC (Buildings 1, 2, & 4), STEM LLC, & ROTC LLC.

The following report includes timing information and areas for improvement identified during the drills and their follow-up activities, along with steps to address the issues noted. Issues have been forwarded to the appropriate department for remedy or repair.

Arkansas Hall

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 3:22.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 11.
- Procedural Observations: The fire alarms had gone off multiple times this semester.
 - o Action Step: Our Life Safety Specialist will work with our alarm provider to correct all errors with the fire alarm system.

Kays Hall

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 5:01.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 68.
- Procedural Observations: Residents with animals did not evacuate and clear the building in a prompt manner.
 - o Action Step: Those with animals will be reminded to evacuate promptly before the next drill occurs.

University Hall

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 3:32.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 79.
- Procedural Observations: One resident exited the building while the alarms were being reset.
 - o Action Step: Rendezvous location should be clarified better with the residents.

Pack Place (Buildings 1 & 2)

- Time required for total evacuation(s): Bldg1- 4:29; Bldg2- 4:17.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: Bldg1- 53; Bldg2- 51.
- Procedural Observations: (Bldg1): A few residents wanted to return inside before the drill was complete, to check on their pets. (Bldg2): One resident was spotted re-entering the building before the drill was complete. The RAs assisting with the drill were in the stairwell instead of being outside.
 - o Action Step: Someone will be outside during the drill to keep a headcount of the residents to ensure that they do not go back inside until the drill is complete. All participants that exit the building will be told not to re-enter until the drill is complete. The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents.

The Circle-Richmond Hall & Smith Hall

- Time required for total evacuation(s): Richmond- 2:53, Smith- 2:29.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: Richmond- 20, Smith- 10.
- Procedural Observation: (Richmond): Residents on the balconies had to be told to evacuate with everyone else. Many residents did not know where to meet. (Smith): Some residents exited the building after the drill had already concluded.
 - o Action Step: Someone will be outside during the drill to keep a headcount of the residents to ensure that no one is still in the building. The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents. The residents on the balconies will be reminded before the drill, that they have to evacuate the building with everyone else.

The Circle- Strickland Hall & Gaines Hall

- Time required for total evacuation(s): Strickland- 2:39, Gaines- 2:39.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: Strickland- 15, Gaines- 3.
- Procedural Observation: (Strickland): One resident refused to leave the building. (Gaines): Residents had to be reminded to evacuate during a drill.
- Action Step: All residents will be reminded that they must exit the building during a drill.

Zeta Tau Alpha House

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 1:49.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 7.
- Procedural Observation: Dispatch did not receive signal.
- Action Step: This will be corrected before the next drill.

Alpha Gamma Delta House

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 2:21.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 6.
- Action Step: The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents.

Alpha Omicron Pi House

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 1:46.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 9.
- Action Step: The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents.

Chi Omega House

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 1:36.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 16.

Delta Zeta House

- Time required for total evacuation(s): 1:37.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: 6.
- Action Step: The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents.

Northpark Quads Building 1, 2, 3

- Time required for total evacuation(s): bldg1- 3:01; bldg2- 3:53; bldg3- 3:11.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: bldg1- 28; bldg2- 34; bldg3- 27.
- Procedural Observation: Multiple errors were reported with room alarms.
 - o Action Step: The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents. Our Life Safety Specialist will work with our alarm provider to correct all errors.

Northpark Quads Buildings 4 & 5

- Time required for total evacuation(s): bldg4- 3:31; bldg5- 3:14.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: bldg4- 23; bldg5- 24.
 - o Action Step: Residents with animals will be reminded to follow proper evacuation procedures. The proper rendezvous location will be clarified to the residents. Residents will be reminded that they cannot return to their rooms until the drill is over.

Honors LLC Buildings 1,2 & 4

- Time required for total evacuation(s): Bldg1- 2:27; Bldg2- 2:10; Bldg4- 2:34.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: Bldg1- 10; Bldg2- 6; Bldg4- 21.
- Procedural Observations: One resident walked away from the rendezvous location while the drill was still occurring.
 - o Action Step: Residents will be reminded to stay close by until the drill has concluded.

ROTC & STEM LLCs

- Time required for total evacuation(s): STEM- 2:26, ROTC- 3:02.
- Total Occupants Evacuated: STEM- 10, ROTC- 10.